

REMARKS

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this amendment and the remarks made herein. The specification has been amended to include cross-reference to related applications. The subject matter of instant Claims 1-13 and 15-19 has been allowed in parent case U.S. Ser No. 09/937,236 and hence Claims 1-13 and 15-19 are cancelled herein. The subject matter of Claim 14 was withdrawn from prosecution in parent case U.S. Ser. No 09/937,236 following the issuance of a Restriction Requirement. Applicants herein restore the prosecution of Claim 14, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed in parent case U.S. Ser. No 09/937,236 on March 22, 2000.

Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing in paper and computer-readable form. Please enter this Sequence Listing into the specification of the above-captioned application.

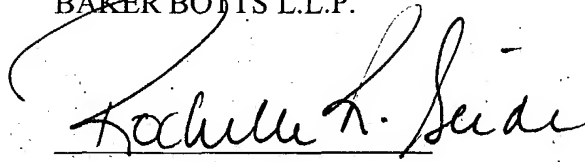
I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the revised Sequence Listing submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same.

I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the revised Sequence Listing, submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.82(f), does not include new matter.

Applicants request an early and favorable consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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